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ADDIS FOR RTC, RSS FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: TECH VISIT TO TANANARIVE

1. RECENT RSO VISIT TO TANANARIVE REFLECTS NEED FOR TECHNICAL VISIT BY EITHER RTC OR TSO/PRETORIA. TSO/RCB PRETORIA ARE AVAILABLE AND HAVE ADVANTAGE OF BEING FULLY BRIEFED BY RSO AS TO TANANARIVE'S NEEDS. REQUEST RTC/ADDIS APPROVAL AND FISCAL DATA FOR TSO/RCB PRETORIA VISIT TO TANANARIVE. SPECIFICALLY, THE FOLLOWING RSO-RECOMMENDED PROJECTS REQUIRE TSO OR RTC ATTENTION:

A. TECHNICAL SWEEP - COMMENT: POLITICAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED BY RECENT MALAGASY TAKEOVER OF NASA INSTALLATION AND BEGINNING OF SURVEILLANCE AND HARASSMENT OF USG PERSONNEL BY PERSONS PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH MALAGASY GOVERNMENT INDICATE RENEWED AND INTENSIFIED MALAGASY GOVERNMENT SUSPICIONS CONCERN RE USG. WHILE MOST LIKELY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ACTIONS BY MALAGASY GOVERNMENT AGAINST USG IS AND WILL BE PRESSURE AGAINST FSLE'S AMD DOMESTIC SERVANTS, RSO FEELS THAT A NEW TECHNICAL SWEEP WOULD BE A PRUDENT MEASURE.

B. INSTALLATION OF ULTRA-SONIC ALARM SYSTEM INSIDE C&R WITH MONITOR AT MSG BOOTH.

C. HOOK-UP 1012 DISINTEGRATOR INSIDE C&R.

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D. INSTALL SAFETY STRAPS ON INSIDE OF C&R AIR CONDITIONERS.

E. INSTALL CONTACT SWITCH ALARMS ON 1) DOOR IN NURSE'S OFFICE BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MSG HOUSE; 2) ASMIN OFFICE DOOR LEADING TO REAR COURT YARD; AND 3) DAO BALCONY DOOR WHERE ROOF-TOP TRAP DOOR IS LOCATED. MONITORS FOR THESE ALARMS WOULD BE AT MSG BOOTH.

F. INSPECT REAR COURTYARD PERIMETER FENCE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER INSTALLATION OF A FENCE ALARM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

G. DELIVER ACETELYN BLOW TORCH NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION. NOTE: TANANARIVE WILL PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR PURCHASE OF TORCH.

H. RIG POST NETAL/BOMB DETECTOR INTO PASS-THROUGH MAIL INSPECTION BOX.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SKAG REGULATIONS, THE C&R ULTRA-SONIC ALARM (ITEM 1-B ABOVE) SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN CONDUIT. CONDUIT NOT AVAILABLE LOCALLY. TSO ESTIMATES 120 FEET OF 3/4 INCH CONDUIT, WITH 5-FETTINGS AND 15 ELBOW CONNECTORS, WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR C&R ALARM PROJECT. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST THE ABOVE CONDUIT, FITTINGS, AND ELBOW CONNECTORS BE PURCHASED AND SHIPPED TO TANANARIVE VIA AIR-FREIGHT ASAP. IF FISCAL DATA REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE, TANANARIVE WILL SUPPLY. TIMING OF TECHNICAL VISIT, BY EIHER TSO OR RTC, SHOULD BE AFTER ARRIVAL AT POST OF CONDUIT AND FITTINGS.
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